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DUFRAZZO

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Garrison Commander: Major Ibrahim Lazou, [redacted]
[redacted] native of Kukes (eastern Albania).

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Political Commissar: Benko Manoli, a native of Korce

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Garrison Strength: About five thousand men, encamped about three kilometers from the city.

Police: About two hundred equipped with modern weapons and five trucks.

Artillery: Four 75 mm batteries for port defense
Four 75 mm guns located near the former Royal Palace.
Five 55 mm guns near the "Majestic" restaurant
Eight 55 mm (?) guns near the former Italian Navy HQS.

Dumps: POL: One at Porta Romana and another on the road to Sasso Bianco.

Ammunition: One in Durazzo and another in an area called
Laeddje (sic) (former Via Porta Romana)

Roads: All roads are controlled by check points which are also defensive positions. Personnel have light and heavy automatic weapons.

Coastal Belt: It has been cleared completely to a depth of three kilometers and fortified with trenches, artillery and mortar emplacements, MG positions, road blocks and tank traps. Tank defenses are being prepared on the Durazzo-Kavaje road.

Port: It is highly probable that it has been mined. Overlooking the port on the former King Zog fort there are fifteen 75 mm (?) Italian, German and Russian guns.

factories: There are two factories, one for tobacco and one for curing hides.

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Airfield: An airfield is under construction.

2. SASENO

Garrison Strength: 300 men, mostly from artillery and including members of the DFP. Other troops are arriving commanded by Yugoslav officers, with Russian arms and equipment.

Defences: All forts have been repaired and house the following:

Six 149 mm Italian guns
Six 105 mm Italian guns
Four 38 mm German guns

There are also two AA batteries with Russian guns.

Dumps: Ammunition: There is a dump near the electricity plant of about 300 shells for 350 mm German guns. A tunnel near the island HQS is full of anti-tank mines.

Miscellaneous: No civilian or soldier is allowed on the island, which is a military area, without a special permit.

AA defences are directed by a small group of Russian soldiers.

The electricity plant is in working order and provides energy for all the island. It is DC and reaches 220 volts.

There is a temporary telephone system between the HQS of the port and the various forts. There is also a field radio set (American) in touch with Tirana.

The aqueduct, destroyed by the Germans, has not been repaired.

Communication with Valona is effected by means of a tug (Tanac type) received by Albania from UNHRA.

There appears to be a submarine base.

3. VALONA

Defences: Trenches, artillery and mortar emplacements, MG positions, road blocks and anti-tank ditches have been prepared.

Dumps: There is a POL dump near the electricity plant. Ration and ammunition dumps are scattered about the area.

Jetty: There is only one landing jetty for ships of 8,000 tons.

4. ALBANIAN ARMY LOCATIONS (30 June 1947)

3rd Division Orseke area

4th Division Korce area

6th Division Bilisht

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7th Division Libohovë

? Division Sarande (S. Quaranta) - Delvine area
(unidentified)

D.M.P. Division Tirana

Radio Stations Scutari-Gjino Kaster-Porto
 Palermo-Tirana

MT Repair shop Scutari

Yugoslav Units in Albania

? Infantry Regiment)

? Infantry Regiment) South of Rukes

? Artillery Regiment)

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